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If you ask me the one thing that the men here in the Irwindale camp need most is entertainment and some kind of recreation. There is absolutely nothing of the kind provided in the camp and Irwindale being a tiny little town, there is nothing much for them to do in town. either. I work in a liquor store and the men frequently come in to cash checks and I talk with them and find out how they feel about things. They don't spend much of their money in our store. They prefer to go down the block and spend it in the bars. I know these men are very lonely, yes, they sometimes ask me for dates, after all, men are men, but I tell them I already have a date.

The local priest used to go into the camp and conduct services and I understand they even had a little chapel at one end of the mess hall but the priest doesn't go out there any more. It is only half a mile or so for the men to walk to the church here in town. What's that? No, the services are conducted in English.